

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application No. : 10/581,718 Confirmation No. : 8573  
First Named Inventor : Denis Claude ROY  
Filed : June 22, 2006  
TC/A.U. : 1644  
Examiner : Amy E. Juedes  
Docket No. : 029049.57806US  
Customer No. : 23911  
Title : Immunologic Compounds for Prevention, Protection,  
Prophylaxis or Treatment of Immunological Disorders...

REPLY TO OFFICE ACTION

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This is a Reply to the Office Action mailed November 26, 2008 in the above-identified patent application.

Responsive to the requirement for an election of species, Applicants hereby elect the species of cells treated with compound I, namely, 2'-(6-amino-4,5-dibromo-3-imino-3H-xanthen-9-yl)-benzoic acid methyl ester hydrobromide. This species election is made without traverse. All claims of the application read on the elected species or its use, including specifically claims 49-52, which were previously elected in response to the restriction requirement.

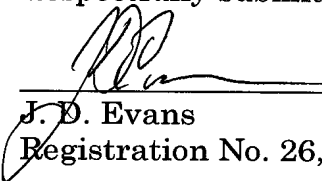
Favorable action on the application is earnestly solicited.

If there are any questions regarding this response or the application in general, a telephone call to the undersigned at (202) 624-2845 would be appreciated since this should expedite the examination of the application.

If necessary to effect a timely response, this paper should be considered as a petition for an Extension of Time sufficient to effect a timely response, and please charge any deficiency in fees or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 05-1323 (Docket # 029049.57806US).

Respectfully submitted,

December 19, 2008

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
J. D. Evans  
Registration No. 26,269

CROWELL & MORING LLP  
Intellectual Property Group  
P.O. Box 14300  
Washington, DC 20044-4300  
Telephone No.: (202) 624-2500